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Inventor : Yi-Ren Woo

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SUBSTRATE

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Examiner: Thomas Sweet

PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF
TIME AND FEECommissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PAPER IS
BEING SENT BY FACSIMILE TO THE
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS AT 571-
273-8300 THIS 22 DAY OF Dec,
2006*Hallie A. Finucane*
PATENT ATTORNEY

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated October 10, 2006. Enclosed is Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$1,810.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time and the Request for Continued Examination fee. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123. A duplicate of this Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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